

Next Steps in Forest Plan Revision

Manti-La Sal National Forest

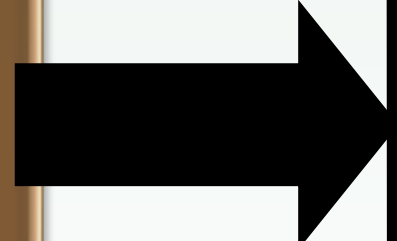
Current Forest Plan (1986)

Draft Assessment

(Public comments received until the end of July)

Preliminary Need to Change the Forest Plan

Revised Plan Components



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Legal and Regulatory Environment

Revise plan at least every 15 years

Identify lands not suited to timber production

Use best available scientific information

Resource Management Themes

Access & Transportation Infrastructure

Energy & Minerals Management

Forest Vegetation Management

Rangeland Health

Recreation Management

Terrestrial & Aquatic Species Habitats

Watershed Health

Social and Environmental Conditions

Areas of Tribal Importance

Climate

Cultural & Historic Resources

Invasive Species

Wildfire

Wildlife

Revised Forest Plan Components

Desired Conditions

Descriptions of specific social, economic, and/or ecological characteristics toward which management of the land and resources should be directed

Attainable and achievable

Objectives

Concise, measurable, and time-specific statements of a desired rate of progress toward a desired condition or conditions

Describe outcomes, not actions

Standards

Mandatory constraint on project and activity decision-making, established to help achieve or maintain the desired condition or conditions, to avoid or mitigate undesirable effects, or to meet applicable legal requirements

Strict and absolute

Guidelines

Constraint on project and activity decision-making that allows for departure from its terms, so long as the purpose of the guideline is met

Departures must meet underlying purposes